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/83 cont./ when Nordenskiöld made his expedition, there was no longer a great cacique among the Chané on the Parapití River. The last great cacique had been Aringui, whose nephew, Batiraya, was a cacique, but he had refused the position of great cacique because he did not want to be too dependent on the whites (311).

311. Nord. 1, pp. 170 and 233.

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According to what is said in older documents, the Chiriguano, after their immigration into the Cordillera, did not form a uniform community, a state, in the proper sense of public law. Formerly they had formed a federation of several parcialidades /subdivisions/. In the letter of Licenciado Cepeda (312) in the

312. Letter from Licenciado Cepeda giving an account of the war against the Chiriguano under the encomienda of Lorenzo Suarez de Figueroa, Governor of Santa Cruz, and under the Maestre de Campo, Fernando de Cazorra, through Tomina, and under Luis de Fuentes through Tarija. According to Moreno II, p. 113.

year 1585, it is said "that the Province of the Chiriguano, who are in the Cordillera between Santa Cruz and the city of La Plata, who are divided into three parcialidades, each distinct from the others, 25 leagues, although they communicate and help one another. One is the parcialidad of Vitupué, another that of Condórrillo, and the other of Chiquiacá."

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Of the two parcialidades Vitupué and Chiquiacá we know that they, at least originally, were each under the chieftainship of a great cacique, from whom they received their respective names. Vitupuera was the great cacique of the former and Chiaca the great cacique of the latter (313). With regard to the parcialidad

313. Moreno II, pp. 122 and 126.